(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Arid Zone Research Institute, (CAZRI) Jodhpur has done pioneering work in sand dune stabilisation and afforestation. The slvipastoral system has been found to be the most appropriate for making sand dunes productive. The technique consists of afforestation by direct seeding and by transplanting of nursery raised seedlings. The tree species found suitable for sand dune stabilisation are Khejri (Prosopis Cineraria) and Israeli babul (Acacia tor-tilis). Sewan grass (Lasiurus sindicus) has been found to be the most suitable grass species. The Institute has also demonstrated successful aerial seeding programme with these plant species for stabilisation of sand dunes.

Maintenance and after care of stabilised sand dune is necessary. Rigid protection from biotic interference is needed far 10 years. Grasses may be harvested after second year at post seeding stages.

The sand dune stabilisation technology developed by the CAZRI is being widely adopted by the Rajasthan Forest Department and Desert Development Department. Nearly 93.500 hectare have been covered under sand dune stabilization and pasture development.

Drought assistance for Madhya Pradesh

1123.SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh Government has demanded Rs.88.3 crores from the Central Government for meeting the drought situation in the State;

† Previously unstarred question 244 transferred from the 23rd February, 1989.

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have sought details as to how this amount will be spent; and

(c) what are the districts in the State where this amount is to be spent and how much has already been spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHY-AM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of Madhya Pradesh in their Memoranda sought Central assistance of Rs. 88.03 crores for drought relief.

(b) and (c) As per information received from Government of Madhya Pradesh, Rs.48.61 crores has been spent on Employment Generation Programmes and Drinking Water Scheme from April to December, 1988 in the districts of Rewa, Sahdol, Sidhi, Satna, Raipur, Durg and Rajnandgaon where crop failure has been reported.

Grant of Licences for the import of Seeds

@1124. SHRI P. K. KUNJACHEN: SHRI E. BALANANDAN: SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO-SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the new liberalised seed import policy as many as 113 Indian companies have registered for import licences as appeared in 'India Today' of February, 1989 edition inder the Article 'Seeds';

(b) if the answer to part (a) above be in affirmative, what are the names and addresses of the companies/firms and or individuals which/who have applied for

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such import licences alongwith the names/ kinds of seeds, country of origin and the quantity and the value thereof;

(c) what are the criteria laid down by Government for the issucgrant of such licences; and

(d) what are the names of the companies/firms and individuals whose applications have been cleared for such import alongwith the names/kinds ot seeds, country of origin and the quantity and value of seeds to be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHY-AM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Grant of Import Licence for import of seed is regulated by para 104 of the Import Export Policy 1988-91 read with Public Notice No.60-ITC(PN)88-91 dated the 6th October, 1988.

(d) A Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Details of seeds recommended for import by this Ministry for grant of import licence since 1st October, 1988

(Qty. in Kgs.)

SI. No.	Name of Company	Item	Qty.	Source
1.	Project Officer Indo Swiss Project Visakhapatam-10	Seeds of Forage crops	55.0	Australia
2.	M/s. German Remedies Ltd. Bombay	Seeds of medicinal Plants	25.0	West Germany
3.	Government of Himachal Pradesh	Seeds of Fodder crops	359.0	Australia
4.	Government of Uttar Pradesh	Seeds of Grass and legumes	1580.0	Australia
5.	Government of Himachal Pradesh	Planting material of fruits plants	15,635 Nos.	U.S.A.

Shortage of seeds

1125. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SlNGH:Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious seed shortage is anticipated in the country during 1988-89 as appeared in the Economic Times of 4th October, 1988; and

(b) whether the shortage had been overcome through local production and